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W. R. E. COMPANY PRESIDENT ASKS SEVEN-CENT FARE RATE

Questioned at Public Meeting, Mr. Ham Frankly Declares Increase Is Only Alternative for the Zone System.

Confident that a better epoch is dawning in the relations of Washington citizens and the utility corporations that serve them, the Federation of Citizens' Associations today announced that it will extend the principle of the street railway mass meeting, held in the District building last night, to all future considerations of public service questions.

The capital, in other words, is to have a permanent forum, managed by the federation, where representatives of the utility companies and the public may come together for frank discussion of problems affecting their interests.

The plan is the outgrowth of last night's meeting, generally considered by the more than two hundred persons who attended it to have been one of the most remarkable public discussions ever held in Washington.

Mr. Ham Target for Questions.

William F. Ham, president of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, was the target for questions propounded formally by the federation and informally by scores of property owners and residents that sought to bring out all the facts explaining why the finances of the company are in a bad way.

Subject to Future Decision.

What plan the federation will offer as a solution of the railway company's financial difficulties will not be determined until after Mr. Ham's statements have been analyzed thoroughly and the testimony given before the Public Utilities Commission dissected.

What the federation is almost certain not to endorse, however, is the company's proposal for zone fares. Applause was evoked when President Westlake stated last night that he did not believe the organization would support this suggestion.

The federation will meet tonight in the boardroom of the District building, where the railway situation will be canvassed further. It ultimately decides upon will, it is anticipated, be submitted to the public for approval.

Mr. Ham said the zone system was the best way out of the company's financial difficulties, the only alternative being a 7-cent fare. The 6-cent fare would not enable the company to surmount its difficulties, he said.

Wins Him Commendation.

Mr. Ham's frankness in answering the queries was warmly commended. The congratulations he received informally after the meeting were more impressive. He was told by representatives of every section of the city that if the company will continue its policy of taking the public into its confidence it may expect co-operation from its patrons that will be immensely beneficial.

Both President W. R. Westlake of the federation and William McK. Clayton, chairman of its utilities commission, declared that the meeting had made history.

"This is only the beginning," said Mr. Westlake, "we propose to bring the people and all the utility companies together in the same way. We are confident it will lead to co-operation, of which the net result will be reasonable prosperity for the companies and better service for the public."

"Heckling" Not in Evidence.

It was a big crowd and a courteous one that heard Mr. Ham answer questions for more than three hours last night. Heckling and sniping were in evidence. The temper of the audience was impressive for its sincerity to get at the facts in a fair way.

There was no disposition to challenge any of Mr. Ham's answers involving questions of fact. Substantive declarations of policies, particularly with respect to the desirability of zone fares, developed opposition.

Several representatives declared they would be in favor of increased fares, but there was a chorus of opposition to any relief being granted through a system of zone charges. This dissent came strongest from those representing the suburban sections.

President Ham said the company is not holding out for the zone plan, it being favored merely because it is measured service proposition and seeks to distribute equitably the cost of furnishing street car service.

Stated as Only Alternative.

The only alternative to a zone system is a 7-cent fare, he declared. In his opinion, a 6-cent rate would not enable the company to surmount its difficulties, as the additional charge of 1 cent would not more than offset the business that would be lost in the diverting a large number of passengers to the Capital Traction Company with its lower rate.

Evidence of the company's changed policy toward labor was contained in Mr. Ham's statement that it favors liberal—not merely "reasonable"—wages for its employees; that it anticipates a general reduction in the cost of labor throughout the country and has no intention of being towed down in cost of labor as an accompaniment to a reduction of living.

He said the company has fully endorsed the principles laid down by the National Labor Union, one of which is that there shall be no strikes.

Indorses "Service-at-Cost" Plan.

Service-at-cost methods of operating street railways were indorsed in the main by Mr. Ham, though he stated he could not pledge the company to support legislation to obtain a service-at-cost system for Washington until a definite plan were outlined and considered.

As to the desirability of merging the two traction systems here, Mr. Ham asserted that while he formerly advocated such a step, he was doubtful now if it would lead to any great advantages. Granting of intercompany transfers already had provided the greatest benefits that would have ensued from amalgamation, he pointed out, while tracks are being used jointly under present law.

It was the opinion of the traction head that a merger would lead to better financing, but he thought competition between the companies under existing conditions would constantly tend to improve service. The companies, he said, considered merging abandoned when it was found that the advantages of consolidation were not such as to offset the differences as to terms on which it could be effected.

Discussion of Capitalization.

Asked by the federation if he considered that the capitalization of the Washington Railway and Electric Company represents actual value upon which the stockholders should receive dividends, Mr. Ham replied in the affirmative. In explaining this answer he went into the history of the company's formation, reading from a statement by Senator McMillan to show that Congress authorized the formation of the Washington Railway and Electric Company with the definite purpose of providing Washington with a traction system that could afford to carry non-paying suburban lines during long development periods.

Congress directed the company to issue \$15,000,000 worth of stock and it would be unjust to come in nineteen years later and repudiate that action, he submitted. Congress asked the company to build up the outlying sections and authorized what it considered a fair stock issue to cover the operations of the company.

Mr. Ham contended that the reason-

On Strike Committee to Look After Interests of Sister Conductorettes



MISS M. J. ARD

Looking after the interests of her sister conductorettes is the job at present of Miss M. J. Ard, in connection with the threatened strike on the Brooklyn-Rapid Transit lines. As the only woman, a member of a committee of sixteen which called upon Lindley M. Garrison, receiver for the company, she missed several runs, but that didn't seem to be bothering her a bit when she was photographed as she was leaving Mr. Garrison's office.

and Pittsburgh are among the more important municipalities that have this system.

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Comparison of Companies.

Asked for the company's explanation of the seemingly greater popularity of the service rendered by the Capital Traction Company, Mr. Ham said that the later corporation gets the cream of the traction business here, whereas the Washington railway gets a little cream, some milk and considerable skimmed milk. He stated that his company operates 135 miles, as compared with sixty-five miles operated by the Capital Traction on practically the same amount of revenue.

The speaker also suggested that as the Washington railway serves a much larger suburban territory and suburban service necessarily cannot be made as satisfactory as city service, there would probably be more complaints against it than against the Capital Traction Company.

In concluding, Mr. Ham said that the Washington Railway and Electric Company is not looking for big profits. It wants only to earn an amount sufficient to enable it to meet its obligations, pay a liberal wage to its employees and return a profit to its stockholders. Half of its stockholders are Washingtonians and a large percentage of them are women, he said.

Mr. Ham drew an optimistic picture of the future of Washington. He declared the street railways must be part of a growing Washington and must be given sufficient earning power to make it possible for them to go forward and do their part in the development of the capital.

TAILORS' STRIKE OVER; MEN RETURN TO WORK

Differences Between the Local Journeymen and Employers Re- ported as Adjusted.

The strike of the journeymen tailors, which has been on for the past two weeks, was settled last night at the offices of the American Federation of Labor by arbitration.

The men have returned to work, all differences between the employers and employees having been satisfactorily adjusted.

The agreement entered into gives assurances that there will be no differences between the two interests in the future. The agreement bears date of April 18 and runs until October 1, when the wage scale and working conditions will either be renewed automatically or by agreement or adjustment as the conditions at that time may demand.

The arbitration conference was held in the offices of John J. Manning, secretary of the Union Label Trades, at the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor, Massachusetts avenue and 9th street northwest, lasting several hours, and being concluded late last night when an agreement was reached. Mr. Manning acted in the capacity of arbitrator. The Merchant Tailors' Exchange has requested the arbitration by E. H. Snyder, president; S. H. Talles and P. J. Foley, and the Journeymen Tailors' Union, No. 188, by H. Schommer, president; L. J. Graser, vice president, and D. G. Biggs, business manager.

There was a part of the pre-and-take shown on the part of both the employing merchant tailors and the striking journeymen. Fixing of the wage scale and the working conditions was made practically on the spot. The agreement was signed and ratified April 18 and regarding which the trouble arose, the eight-hour day and the retention of the payment of time and a half for overtime are a part of the adjusted agreement. It is a part of the compact that the side shall give sixty days' notice prior to the expiration of a wage scale or a desire on the part of either of the parties to the agreement to make changes in the scale to be adopted with the expiration of the then existing scale in force.

VOTE FAVORS STRIKE.

150,000 Electrical Workers Blame Postmaster General.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 19.—Overwhelming majorities favoring the calling of a nation-wide strike July 1 of more than 150,000 electrical workers in the United States are being received here, according to J. P. Noonan, acting president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, whose headquarters are located here.

"The whole responsibility, if the strike becomes effective, will rest with Postmaster General Burleson," Mr. Noonan said, "who has refused time and again to recognize the Telephone Employers' Union, even after President Wilson has turned our request over to him."

Henry Roberts, who in 1918 escaped from the penitentiary, where he was serving a life sentence for killing a deputy sheriff, was killed near Summerville, Tenn., Thursday by officers seeking his recapture.

COMMITTEE MAY MEET 110TH ON DEBARKING

Planning Welcome of Former D. C. Guards Now in Field Artillery.

Plans for welcoming home the 110th Field Artillery, composed of former District National Guardsmen, are being discussed this afternoon by a committee in conference with Robert N. Harper, chairman of the District welcome home committee. The committee is made up of wives and friends of members of this unit.

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